

United States District Judge Lee Rosenthal

Re: Civil Action No. H-19-226

Interested Non-Party

United States District Court  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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4/27/20

Judge,

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Comes now, Skyler Rice, an interested Non-Party in the above numbered cause, to provide the Court with additional information as requested, specifically pertaining to the length of delays before individualized formal bail hearings after such hearings are requested in Harris County District Courts.

The following cause numbers are but of a few, just in my dorm alone, that have either Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus Seeking Bail Reduction or Motions to Reduce Bail pending before Harris County District Courts:

# Cause #, District Court #

1. #1650428, 262<sup>nd</sup> District Court, Harris County, Texas
2. #1668113, 176<sup>th</sup> Dist. Crt. Harris Cnty. TX
3. #1580280, 338<sup>th</sup> Dist Crt. Harris Cnty. TX
4. #1605453, 338<sup>th</sup> Dist Crt. Harris Cnty. TX
5. #1632015, 184<sup>th</sup> District Court Harris Cnty. TX
6. #1658196, 262<sup>nd</sup> District Court Harris County, Texas

These Requests, Motions, Applications, and Petitions have been filed and have gone unruled upon and ignored by the Courts.

Regardless of the protective measures implemented at the Harris County Jail to defend against the spread of the novel coronavirus/COVID-19, the number of inmates and staff testing positive for the deadly virus continues to multiply daily at the jail. The requests in the listed cause numbers are from pretrial detainees who all have underlying health conditions and pose the greatest risk of death from the COVID-19 virus. Their Motions for bail hearings are pleas for their lives as the deadly virus continues to encroach upon them. Without release these pretrial detainees who have yet to have their day in court and afforded due process will be subjected to a death

Sentence. The crimes for which these pretrial detainees stand accused of do not even carry the potential for punishment by death. The only defenses these detainees have against COVID-19 are to social distance and hygiene measures, but in the Harris County Jail these CDC guidelines are impossible to comply with. If ever were a time to utilize personal recognizance bonds now would be the time. Not just Constitutional Rights and Civil Rights will be violated but Human Rights. Please use your authority to do the right thing.

Respectfully submitted,  
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